



Garlinge Primary School and Nursery

Friday 13th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to update you with the following information on the Coronavirus / COVID-19.

The overall risk of Coronavirus / COVID-19 to the UK remains moderate. However, as a school, our children and their families' health and well-being is paramount. At this time there are no cases of the Coronavirus in the Garlinge school community.

What we are doing to help stop the coronavirus spreading:

Children have been made aware of the importance of regular and thorough hand washing using soap and water. Hand sanitiser has been made available in every classroom and learning space and children are encouraged to use these regularly.

The Government is closely monitoring the spread of the coronavirus / COVID-19 and is taking action at home and abroad. We receive regular updates and advice from Public Health England everyday advising us on what to do to keep our children and their families safe.

At this time children should continue to attend school as normal **unless** they are showing any signs of a **new continuous cough and/or high temperature**.

On the 13th March 2020 the Government advised that;

- Children should not attend school if they have a **new continuous cough and/or high temperature**
- Anyone displaying these symptoms should remain at home for a minimum of 7 days
- Family members of the person showing symptoms do not need to self-isolate if they are not showing any symptoms

If you have concerns over the health of your child or a family member the Government are advising self-care at home and to refer to online 111 service - links provided below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

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We will continue to keep you updated with Government guidance and act accordingly. We will keep parents and carers updated with any further information as we receive it.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Williams
Headteacher